UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-11615-NMG
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<u>DEFENDANT TOAD HALL CORP.</u> ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT WITH DEFENSES

Defendant Toad Hall Corp. hereby responds to the numbered allegations of the Amended Complaint served September 13, 2004, treating same as if allowed, as follows.

- 1. States that paragraph 1 is a description of the civil action and requires no response; to the extent any response is required, is without sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations ("is without sufficient information").
 - 2. Is without sufficient information.
 - 3. Is without sufficient information.

- 4. Is without sufficient information.
- 5. Is without sufficient information.
- 6. Is without sufficient information.
- 7. Admits that Wyman Charter Corp. on information is a corporation, and otherwise is without sufficient information.
- 8. Admits that Michael P. Wyman is a natural person, and otherwise is without sufficient information.
 - 9. Admitted.
 - 10. Admitted.
 - 11. Admitted.
- 12. Admits that Toad Hall Corp. on information was a corporation, and otherwise is without sufficient information.
 - 13. Is without sufficient information.
- 14. Admits the named vessel was registered and was of approximately the length described; otherwise is without sufficient information.
 - 15. Is without sufficient information.
 - 16. Is without sufficient information.
 - 17. Is without sufficient information.
 - 18. Denied.
 - 19. Denied.
 - 20. Denied.
 - 21. Denied.
 - 22. Is without sufficient information.

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24.	Admits that defendant	Joseph Shore	was emp	oloyed as	the master	of the
named vessel; ot	therwise, denied.					

- 25. Denied.
- 26. Denied.
- 27. Denied.
- 28. Is without sufficient information.
- 29. Is without sufficient information.
- 30. Denied.
- 31. Denied.
- 32. Denied.
- 33. Denied.
- 34. Is without sufficient information.
- 35. Is without sufficient information.
- 36. Admits defendant Joseph Shore was the agent of the Owner; otherwise is without information.
 - 37. Denied.
 - 38. Denied.
 - 39. Denied.
- 40. Admits defendant Joseph Shore was the agent of the Owner; otherwise is without information.
 - 41. Denied.
 - 42. Denied.

- 43. Is without sufficient information.
- 44. Is without sufficient information.
- 45. Is without sufficient information.
- 46. Denies wrongdoing, liability, or any failure of duty; otherwise is without sufficient information.
 - 47. Is without sufficient information.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION.

- 48. Repeats and incorporates all prior allegations.
- 49. Denied.
- 50. Denies liability and is without sufficient information.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION.

- 51. Repeats and incorporates all prior allegations.
- 52. Is without sufficient information.
- 53. Is without sufficient information.

FIRST DEFENSE.

54. The Amended Complaint fails to state a claim for relief as to this defendant.

SECOND DEFENSE.

55. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part because any damage or alleged wrongdoing was caused entirely or solely by persons other than this defendant for whom this defendant is not liable.

THIRD DEFENSE.

56. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part by reason of the doctrine of contributory negligence imposing a bar against plaintiff for negligence of fifty percent or more.

FOURTH DEFENSE.

57. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part by the superseding negligence of one or more persons for whom this defendant is not liable.

FIFTH DEFENSE.

The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part on the basis that if there was any relevant act or omission of this defendant, which is not admitted, that act was not the proximate or actual cause of the alleged wrongdoing.

SIXTH DEFENSE.

59. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of comparative negligence.

SEVENTH DEFENSE.

60. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred in whole or in part by that form of the doctrine of contributory negligence whereby any degree of negligence whatsoever by plaintiff is a bar.

EIGHTH DEFENSE.

61. The Amended Complaint or any recovery pursuant to the Amended Complaint is barred by assumption of risk.

WHEREFORE, defendant Toad Hall Corp. requests that the Amended Complaint be dismissed, with costs and other appropriate relief.

Defendant,

TOAD HALL CORP.

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Dated: M.C. 6, 2004

Certificate of Service

The undersigned counsel for defendants Shore, et al. today gave notice of the foregoing **Defendant Toad Hall Corp. Answer To Amended Complaint With Defenses** by first-class mail to counsel for plaintiffs Kinsella, et al., Sarah B. Herlihy, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111, and co-counsel, Andrew V. Buchsbaum, Friedman & James LLP, 132 Nassau Street, New York, NY 10038; counsel for Wyman, Bertram E. Snyder, Looney & Grossman LLP, 101 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110; counsel for Michael Wyman, Thomas E. Clinton, Clinton & Muczyka, P.C., One Washington Mall, Suite 1400, Boston, MA 02108; and defendant Ian McColgin, pro se, P.O. Box 1991, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Dated: 966 6, 7054

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